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**DATE:** September 8, 2000  
**TO:** Retro Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Frank Romero (Chair), Retro Program Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Minutes of July 11, 2000 retro advisory committee meeting

Meeting was called to order by chairman **Frank Romero**. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Frank reviewed the proposed agenda, and introductions of the committee and audience members were conducted.

Frank gave a brief rundown on the occupational hearing loss initiative and the impact on retrospective rating program staff.

**Diane Groves** and **Linda Grant** provided an overview of the Quality of Care Provider Review process. Once five or more complaints regarding a single provider have been received, a comprehensive review is initiated. If you have questions or need more information, you can contact them at 360-902-6815 or 360-902-6790.

**George Pickett** gave a brief presentation on time loss duration project, including specialty teams in each region, review of voc eligibility, and targeting of claims that can be closed by 11/30/00. Statistics from the most recent calendar quarter were not available for this meeting.

**Beth Johnson** (retro webmaster) discussed the upcoming debut of the retrospective rating home page on the department's website. Currently, the goal is to launch the site by the end of July.

**Bill Vasek** (senior actuary) provided information on the workers' compensation dividend checks that will be mailed out to employers in August. Also, he expects the pension table will be going through the WAC rule process in the near future.

**Joe Brown** and **Pam Eaton** (*Washington Retail Association*) discussed the ideas that came out of information meetings on the proposed retro industry grouping(s). They would like to see as many options for employers as possible. The next step is to define the scope of the groupings, and then define which risk classes go in which groups. Companies should be assigned based on the nature of their business rather than their specific risk classes.

Frank discussed vacancies on the committee, both current and anticipated. Several members' terms are expiring at the end of the year. Anyone interested should send Frank a letter of interest.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:45 PM.

**The next committee meeting will be at 1:00 PM, Tuesday, October 10, 2000.**